

DENT-2990: DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE

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Subject Code

DENT - Dental Hygiene

Course Number:

2990

Title:

Dental Hygiene Practice

Catalog Description:

Capstone course in Dental Hygiene. Preparation for entry into the dental hygiene profession. Topics include seeking and preparing for employment, obtaining a dental hygiene license, legal and ethical concerns of dental hygiene practice, aspects of practice management and planning for the future.

Credit Hour(s):

1

Lecture Hour(s):

1

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

DENT-2300 Preventive Oral Health Services III.

Outcomes

Course Outcome(s):

Apply the ADHA Code of Ethics, healthcare laws, and standards of professional responsibility within the scope of practice.

Objective(s):

1. Use basic ethical principles related to the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Code of Ethics and standards of professional responsibility in all interactions.
2. Select and apply major ethical theories applicable to decision-making models in an ethical case scenario.
3. Explain insurance practices and Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes appropriate for preventive dental hygiene care.

Course Outcome(s):

Apply knowledge of dental hygiene professional associations and the Ohio State Dental Board to the practice of dental hygiene.

Objective(s):

1. Explain the organizational structure and functions of local, state and national dental hygiene associations.
2. Review and discuss the Ohio State Dental Board (OSDB) guidelines for obtaining and maintaining a dental hygiene license and scope of practice.
3. Utilize a group research project to learn of different Work Force Models in the USA available to dental hygienists.
4. List the benefits and services provided by professional organizations.

Course Outcome(s):

Prepare for employment by developing a resume, cover letter, interview questions and by researching salaries and benefits for Dental Hygienists.

Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:

Written Communication: Demonstrate effective written communication for an intended audience that follows genre/disciplinary conventions that reflect clarity, organization, and editing skills.

Objective(s):

1. Identify and explain different aspects of practice management as it pertains to dental offices.
2. Complete an employment portfolio including resume, cover letter and interview questions.
3. Utilize a group research project to ascertain the remuneration and benefits for dental hygienists in NE Ohio in preparation for interviewing.

Course Outcome(s):

Plan for career longevity and for the future.

Objective(s):

1. Utilize a group research project to learn various insurance coverage for dental hygienists and the basics of investments for retirement.
2. Apply knowledge of healthy choices as it pertains to longevity in the practice of dental hygiene.

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Tests
2. Group Projects/Presentation
3. Participation
4. Portfolio
5. Homework
6. Ethical Issues/Discussion Board
7. Exit Survey

Course Content Outline:

1. Concepts
 - a. Dental Practice Act
 - b. Standards of care and practice
 - c. Practice management aspects
 - d. Insurance coding
 - e. Dental Hygiene association structure
 - f. Ohio State Dental Board guidelines
 - g. Scope of practice and supervision
 - h. Employment portfolio
2. Skills
 - a. Apply ethical theories to case scenarios
 - b. Coding of progress notes
 - c. Development of an employment portfolio
3. Issues
 - a. Ethics
 - b. Legal
 - c. Current standards of practice

Topical Outline

1. Principles and theories of ethics in health care
 - a. Review ADHA Code of Ethics
 - b. Review basic ethical principles
 - c. Application of ethics for a dental hygienist as health care provider
 - i. Rights and duties
 - ii. Case applications
2. Health care law and jurisprudence
 - a. Standards of care
 - b. Supervision in dental hygiene
 - c. Work force models

3. Dental Hygiene Associations
 - a. National, State, and Local Associations
 - b. Mission and goals
 - c. Organizational structures
 - d. Membership and benefits
4. Dental Hygiene licensure
 - a. Ohio State Dental Board
 - i. Dental Practice Act
 - ii. Permissible scope of practice for the dental hygienist
 - b. Examinations
 - c. Renewal procedures
5. Management and care in dental hygiene
 - a. Insurance concepts and codes
 - b. Practice management models
 - c. Career longevity
6. Employment Issues
 - a. Resume preparation
 - i. Cover letter
 - ii. References
 - iii. Interview questions
 - b. Interview Protocols
 - c. Personnel Survey
 - d. Contracts
 - e. Insurance and investments

Resources

Wilkins, Esther A. (2020) *Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist*, Philadelphia PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, a Wolters Kluwer business.

Kimbrough, V.J. and Lautar, C.J. (2012) *Ethics, Jurisprudence and Practice Management in Dental Hygiene*, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc.

Resources Other

1. *American Dental Hygienists' Association* www.adha.org
2. *American Dental Association* www.ada.org
3. *Ohio State Dental Board* <http://dental.ohio.gov>
4. *Professional Ethics in Dentistry Network* www.luc.edu/ethics
5. *Purdue Online Writing Lab* <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resources/589/1/>
6. *Purdue APA Information* <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>
7. *NCSU Citation Builder* <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/citaionbuilder/index.php>
8. *Dental Hygiene Libguides* <http://libguides.tri-c.edu/dental>

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